officers of State Governments and UT Administrations the position of release, expenditure and other related matters under MPLAD Scheme.

(e) There is no monitoring Committee on MPLADS.

Fifth Economic Census

3236. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to conduct Fifth Economic Census;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria fixed for such Census; and

(d) the funds allocated for Census during the current plan and allocation during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The Fifth Economic Census is to be implemented as a Central Sector Plan Scheme with 100% fund assistance from Centre to States/UTs. The main purpose of conducting the Economic Census is to generate the latest frame of enterprises/establishments covering all sectors of the economy (except crop poduction and plantation) to be used for follow up surveys. The Census will be conducted in the whole of Indian Union except some areas that remain inaccessible throughout the year and where State/UT Governments find it impossible to collect the information. The field work would be undertaken by the respective State/ UTs during April to June 2005.

(d) An amount of Rs. 99.20 crore for the years 2004-05 to 2006-07 of the 10th Five Year Plan including Rs. 45.59 crore in the current financial year (2005-06) is allocated for the Census.

Projects under MPLAD Scheme

3237. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 11,915 projects, undertaken under MPLAD scheme the nodal Ministry has not received the utilisation certificates, and further about Rs. 1,797 crores had remained unspent with the district authorities;

(b) if so, whether is there any monitoring agency at the Ministry level to have periodic checks of the on-going projects; and

(c) the latest figure of unspent amount with the district authorities as on 31st December, 2004?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Up to 31st March 2005, 723356 works are reported to have been completed under Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) from inception of the scheme. The District Authorities keep the Utilisation Certiicates. The details of the pending Utilisation Certificates are with the District Administrations. The unspent balance with the District Administrations as on 31.3.2005 was Rs. 1847.51 crore.

(b) There is MPLADS Division in the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation for looking after the works relating to the implementation of the Scheme through District Authorities. There is no separate monitoring agency in the Ministry.

(c) As per information received from the DistrictAdministrations, the unspent balance with them on 31.12.2004 was Rs. 1926.41 crore under the MPLADS.

Online Computerised Monitoring System

3238. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are setting up an On-line Computerised Monitoring System (OCMS) for projecting monitoring;

(b) to what extent it would improve the quality of project and infrastructure monitoring;

(c) the total cost incurred in the installation of the system; and

(d) in what way, the system helps in taking remedial measures by the administrative Ministries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The OCMS will contribute in improving the quality of project and infrastructure monitoring which include; (i) On-Line Collection of information